

5) From Chennai on the 1st of October I had flown northeast about 1,500 miles where I was met by brother Ramesh, who is the principal of the Bible Institute (English medium) in Mirza, Assam. I was there three days being tested about my diabetes. India has a high level of diabetes among the population; thus their doctors are well acquainted with the need for treatment. On the evening of October 9th from the train station in Guwahati I traveled over night to Diphu, where I was met by Joysingh, his wife and some of the school staff. Joysingh is the principal of the Karbi Bible Institute.

Since we have recently bought six acres of land about ten miles from Diphu (which is jungle) I spent the next three days helping to guide the male students as they built fencing and cleared vines, trees and brush. The ground is to be used to build cottages for orphans.

On the 12th I flew to Calcutta, then to New Delhi; and at 11:35 p.m. to Newark, NJ,, where I arrived at 4:33 a.m. on the 13th, then the same day to Memphis, TN.

On the 14th I rented a car and drove to Troy, TN, and enjoyed the hospitality of Bob and Evonne Stewart. I reported to the Main St church in Troy, TN on Sunday morning (15th) and to the Wood St. church in Paris, that evening. On Tuesday evening I spoke in the Spiritual Sword Lectures of the Getwell church in Memphis; then on Wednesday for the church in Arkansas, near where Jiggs Kilgore, his wife Robin and their son, Clay live. Brother Kilgore served as an elder at Crossville, until they moved home to Arkansas last year. On Thursday I drove back to Memphis and being absolutely exhausted I decided to catch a plane to Knoxville. Stephen our oldest son, picked me up and brought me home.

NEEDS

Goats: In September I asked help to purchase 600 goats for widows and fatherless children at a cost of \$82.00 each; thanks to those who have responded, but we have a long way to go. Soon I will send a poster for Bible classes in order that the young people may get involved in practicing pure religion as described in James 1:27.

Cottages for the New Orphan Home: We plan to begin with twelve cottages, which will house five to six children with a house mother. The estimated cost of each cottage is \$3,832.00.

General Funds: In the last two months our funds have fallen very low. Lay up treasures in heaven by helping us train more disciples, who will win more disciples. With 81 Bible schools in seven states and more than 725 students enrolled, our monthly budget grows. As I noted the growth is exponential and it grows. May the God of all comfort and blessings make you fruitful unto eternal life.

In Christian love,

Jim E. Waldron



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A REPORT TO OUR DEAR FRIENDS AND HELPERS!

Many of you have been with us since Laura and I went to Pakistan in 1967; others of you have come on board and have held up our hands since 1986, when we first went to India. Here is an expanded version of my recent report to the Crossville elders.

1) Thirty-one years on the same field, India.

2) Fourteen years (June 2003 – 2017) under the oversight of the Crossville elders. 3) The work: "*Preach the gospel*," Mark 16:15-16. 4) The mission method—2 Timothy 2:2, "*train faithful men*." 5) Presently there are 81 individual Bible schools with more than 725 students enrolled, of which about 20% are sisters in Christ; who are being trained to be good Christian wives and mothers and to teach women and children. These 81 Bible schools are scattered across seven Indian states. From the most southern: Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, to Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, and Nagaland in the north.

2) Through the graciousness of God, so far, in 2017, we have had 320 to graduate in five locations in three states.

3) The work grows exponentially, for those trained under the Holy Spirit's order (2 Timothy 2:2) are motivated to conduct classes in their own area. Thus, Scott Richards, fellow laborer in the work, and I, during the first half of September visited in two other states where there are six brothers, who are ready to begin such schools in their locale by January 2018.

4) A "Macedonia Call" (by phone) came from the island of Sri Lanka, which lies about 883 miles off the southeast coast of India. There are a number of congregations among the Tamil people in the island. They are in need of trained workers; so, having heard of our schools in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu they phoned James Rajkumar and asked if we could come over and help them. It was my intention to go with Scott and James, but due to other pressing work, my diabetes acting up and exhaustion, I asked Scott if he would accompany James in order to follow up on the call. Without hesitating he said, yes. So on the 5th of October the two of them flew from Chennai to Columbo in Sri Lanka. After a week they reported that 4 teachers and 24 students had signed up. Scott returned to the U.S. on the 12th. (Go to the back page).

OCTOBER 15: DIBRUGAR, ASSAM, INDIA



In the August Newsletter we reported that Giten Engti, seen at the left, had with the help of another brother, Sochin, converted seven people; baptizing them into Christ. Then six days ago, Giten sent another email saying on October 15th another eleven, seen above, had obeyed the gospel: four men and seven women; three of whom were widows.

ON OCTOBER 16, JOYSING INGTHI, WHO IS THE PRINCIPAL OF KARBI BIBLE INSTITUTE IN DIPHU, ASSAM REPORTED FOUR OTHERS BAPTISMS. THESE WERE BAPTIZED BY TWO GRADUATES OF THE SCHOOL, BROTHERS CHONDRO AND JOSHEP.



**OCTOBER 22, 2017
1800 MILES SOUTH OF DIBRUGAR AND DIPHU IS
CHENNAI, TAMIL NADU, S. INDIA**



On the date named above, October 22, two were baptized into Christ in Chennai, the capital of India's most southern state. On the 24th, James Rajkumar, who is third from the left in the photo wrote saying, "Dear Brother Jim Waldron, Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Bro. P. Jayaprakash (second from the right) on Sunday October 22 baptized a lady, Anthoni Ammal, aged about 60 years and a young girl, about, seventeen, whose name is Angelin. These two are now members of the Otteri church of Christ, in Chennai where brother James is the preacher.

Chennai is in the deep south of the country, while Dibrugar and Diphu are in Assam in the northeast. These photographs illustrate the great distance the gospel has spread by following the orders of the Holy Spirit, by the apostle Paul, "The things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2); and "do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry" (2 Timothy 4:5). These evening schools by local churches illustrate what the church is capable of doing around the world; including the United States.



**THE ANGIE GREENE SCHOOL FOR WOMEN
FUTURE GRADUATES OF 2019**

The fifty young women shown above are freshmen and will be the graduating class of 2019. We are very delighted with them because they illustrate a sizable increase in enrollment over the previous few years. As I tell these young women, we are training you to be good Christian wives and mothers who will be able to teach other women, children and their own families, as well as serve as good examples for Christ in their own neighborhoods. To God be the Glory.

NOTE: The following is a report by Don Iverson on the questions the Indian government is throwing at our work. It is URGENT that we pray for the work of Christ's church to not be hindered in India. (Jim Waldron)

SATAN'S UGLY HEAD

"ALL FUNDS FOR THIS WORK MUST PASS THROUGH THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT'S APPROVED FCRA (FOREIGN CURRENCY REGISTRATION ACT) ACCOUNT. MONEY CANNOT COME INTO INDIA EXCEPT THROUGH THIS MEANS. SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, WE WERE SUMMONED FOR INVESTIGATION BY THE OFFICE OF HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS. THE LENGTHY EXAMINATION CONTINUES. YOUR PRAYERS ARE CRUCIAL, AS THE ENTIRE FUTURE OF THE WORK GREATLY HANGS ON THE OUTCOME." (DON IVERSON—TAMIL NEWS—OCTOBER 20, 2017)